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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, COMOR

SUBJECT : Downgrading of TALENT Photography

1. Reference is made to Lt. Colonel Chapman's proposal to downgrade all TALENT photography prior to 1 May 1960 and his inference that the track of a given mission would be impossible to reconstruct.

2. I take exception to this position; I definitely feel that the track of a given mission can be reconstructed if bulk film is released. The authorization by the USAF to release to AMS copies of all photography downgraded is not really in keeping with the original tenor of the approval to downgrade.

3. Essentially the foregoing exception is really not the main point at issue but rather the question of whether it actually is harmful to release the track or not. If not, no problem exists, if so, I believe the "cat's out of the bag".



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TALENT Control Officer, NPIC

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- Cy 1 - Chrm., COMOR
- 2 - C/IMD/NPIC
- 3 - OD/NPIC subj file
- 4 - OD/NPIC chrono

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